

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria on a 14.3 mile segment of the Willis River located in Buckingham and Cumberland counties. A TMDL for the Willis River bacteria impairment was approved by EPA on May 31, 2002 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl>.

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

The first public meeting on the development of the IP for the Willis River fecal coliform bacteria TMDL will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cumberland County Elementary School, located at 60 School Road in Cumberland, Virginia.

The public comment period will end on October 12, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the Willis River fecal coliform TMDL is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kelly Wills. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Kelly Wills, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502, telephone (434) 582-5120 extension 6042, Fax (434) 582-5125, or e-mail kjwills@deq.virginia.gov.